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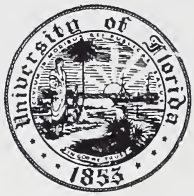

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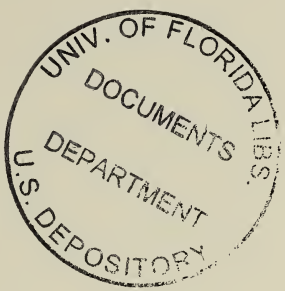

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Biography

ALBIN WALTER NORBLAD, JR., was born in Escanaba, Delta County, Mich., September 12, 1908, and moved with his parents to Astoria, Oreg., the same year; attended the public schools of Astoria and the New Mexico Military Academy at Roswell; was graduated from the University of Oregon at Eugene in 1932 and also took graduate work at the Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.; was admitted to the bar in 1932 and commenced practice in Astoria, Clatsop County, Oreg.; member of the State house of representatives 1935–1937; member of the board of trustees of Linfield College; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia in 1940; during World War II served as combat intelligence officer, Ninth Air Force, 1942–1945; awarded Air Medal; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-ninth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James W. Mott; reelected to the Eightieth and to the eight succeeding Congresses and served from January 11, 1946, until his death in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., September 20, 1964; interment in Lone Oak Cemetery, Stayton, Oreg.

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MONDAY, *September 21, 1964.*

Dr. George R. Davis, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord. We remember first of all, our Father, with gratitude the faithful Member of this House so recently departed and commend him to Thine eternal care. This day, our Father, we come to Thee about our Nation. And we come not to seek for anything, not to petition, not to wring our hands. We come in gratitude. We thank Thee that we are willing to be a part of a great society of nations, that we do not wish to walk alone, stand alone, nor to live in arrogant isolation. In a time of much uncertainty, we thank Thee that this Nation does so much to shed the light of hope in the world. We thank Thee when needs are beyond description, this Nation invests so much, risks so much of life and possessions to help others, enemies as well as friends. With grave dangers all about, we rejoice that our responsible leadership follows caution, friendliness, approachability, as we do business with the nations of the worldwide community. While swords rattle, and to be strong, as we are, is the highest wisdom, we are grateful that our first and foremost desire and ambition is still international peace with justice. In a time of unrest, when bigotry is easy, and violence casts shadows at home and abroad, we are thankful that we are still moving forward in this Nation by the ways of law, and good will, to a true fellowship of all peoples, all groups, all races. We thank Thee, when some are heartless, that this Nation still has heart for the poor, the disinherited, the forgotten. We thank Thee that, when even great men are pushed and pulled, we have leadership capable of and committed to holding up steady, seeing us through. Bless and sustain the Chief Executive. Uphold the makers of our laws. Preserve and maintain for

us the freedom and greatness of our courts. Save for us, O God, in our times, all that is sound and good, for Thy name's sake. Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord. Amen.

Mr. ULLMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep personal sorrow and profound regret that I announce to the House the passing of our esteemed and beloved colleague from Oregon, WALTER NORBLAD, who passed away at the Bethesda Naval Hospital on Sunday morning.

I have been asked to announce that funeral services will be held on tomorrow morning, Tuesday, September 22, at 11 a.m., at the Demaines Funeral Home, 520 South Washington Street, Alexandria, Va.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 885

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, a Representative from the State of Oregon.

Resolved, That a committee of 11 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mrs. Green of Oregon, Mr. Tollefson, Mr. Ford, Mr. Cederberg, Mr. Westland, Mr. Bob Wilson of California, Mr. Ullman, Mrs. Hansen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Martin of California.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 22, 1964, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *September 22, 1964.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Arrington, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a resolution as follows:

S. RES. 370

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, late a Representative from the State of Oregon.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

The message also announced that the Presiding Officer, pursuant to Senate Resolution 370, appointed Mr. Morse and Mrs. Neuberger to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, late a Representative from the State of Oregon.

Memorial Addresses

Tuesday, September 29, 1964

Remarks by Representative Green

Of Oregon

Mr. Speaker, the U.S. House of Representatives has lost a most able and intelligent legislator with the death of Representative WALTER NORBLAD, and I have lost a personal friend. It is, therefore, with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to our late colleague whose death deprived the First Oregon Congressional District of the dedicated and hard-working Representative. Since 1946 WALTER NORBLAD has been relentless and unceasing in his determination to discover how to serve best the interest of his district, the State of Oregon, and the country.

I wish to speak of WALTER NORBLAD as a friend and colleague—a kind and valued colleague. When I first came to the House, in January 1955, I found in WALTER NORBLAD a person who was more than anxious to be of assistance and to share with me the wealth of experience that was his. We worked together on many occasions on Oregon projects and programs and consulted frequently on problems which were common to the Northwest. During these last 10 years, as I came to know him better, I came to admire him more and more for his fairness and his intellectual courage.

He always showed great kindness to all. I have never known him to utter an unkind remark about another person, which is indeed a rare quality in public service. He always looked for and emphasized the positive qualities in his friends and colleagues. In going about his congressional duties, WALTER NORBLAD carried himself with affability, warmth, and humor. The observation that courage is grace under pressure is most suited to WALTER NORBLAD.

His able service on the Armed Services Committee is known to all. There he was second ranking Republican and there he dedicated his efforts to make sure that this would be a safe and secure nation. Many, many people will miss him, but one group of citizens which will particularly miss WALTER NORBLAD will be those members of the armed services whose welfare and well-being were a constant concern of his.

This summer, WALTER was stricken with a heart condition. He was urged to slow his pace and let the burdens of the office be carried by other colleagues and members of his most capable congressional office staff. But WALTER NORBLAD had a restive spirit and his dedication and concern drew him back to his congressional duties.

Now he is gone. We shall miss him in Oregon, we shall miss him in the House, and I shall miss him as a friend.

I wish to express my sorrow to his immediate family; his wife, Elizabeth, his son, Albin Walter, and his mother. I hope that they will find comfort and solace in knowing that WALTER NORBLAD'S good work has literally affected the lives, the future, and the welfare of countless individuals in our land.

The editor of the Oregon Journal expressed very well the sentiments of countless Oregon citizens when he wrote on September 22:

[From the Portland (Oreg.) Journal, Sept. 22, 1964]

WALTER NORBLAD SOUND LEGISLATOR

U.S. Representative WALTER NORBLAD, who served more than 18 years in the Congress of the United States, was a man who "wore well" with the folks at home and with his colleagues in the legislative halls.

A good share of his life, following his admission to the Oregon bar in 1932, was in public service. He served in the Oregon Legislature from 1935 to 1939, was in military service from 1942 to 1945, and has represented the First Oregon District in Congress since January 11, 1946.

NORBLAD took a dim view of the lightning-and-thunder type of political oratory, and he was seldom in the midst of hot controversy, but he was alert and sympathetic to the needs and wishes of his constituents. He took a special interest in military affairs and was the second ranking Republican on the Armed Services Com-

mittee. On matters affecting the military security of the United States in the cold war, he was considered one of the best informed men in Congress.

Although NORBLAD was the only Republican in the Oregon congressional delegation, he concentrated more on serving his State than on partisan politics, usually being in what might be called the moderate camp. The State has lost a veteran legislator who never lost his sense of balance or sense of values in the heat and swirl of political battles.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to learn that my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Oregon, WALTER NORBLAD, had passed away. WALTER and I served together almost from the beginning of our careers in the House of Representatives. He was my dear friend over the years.

He was a distinguished Member of the House who represented his constituency and the Nation with ability and dedication. His talents won him the respect of his colleagues; his fineness and gentility won him their affection.

I had no idea that WALTER's health was not good. I have never heard him complain. The last time I talked with him he appeared to be in the best of spirits and in good health. His youthful appearance belied his years, even though he was still in the prime of life. His death was a shock and leaves a void in this House. I shall miss him.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones.

Remarks by Representative Byrnes

Of Wisconsin

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with the gentlewoman from Oregon in paying my respects to our late colleague, WALTER NORBLAD.

Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult for me to come to a realization that WALTER NORBLAD is no longer with us. WALTER and I were the closest of friends. Our families were close. We enjoyed many wonderful times together.

For the last 10 years or so we have also been neighbors, living in the same area.

I suppose if there is any one adjective that could be used to describe WALTER, it is that he was an extremely kind man.

The gentlewoman from Oregon [Mrs. Green] has referred to this fact.

In all the years and in all the times I have been with WALTER and we visited together, I never heard him say an unkind thing about any of his colleagues or any person he knew. He always looked for the best in people.

WALTER was a conscientious Member of this Congress; he was a conscientious citizen. He tried always to do what he thought was not only best for his country, best for his district, but best as far as the individual citizen was concerned.

WALTER was a warm person. He loved people. He liked to get into conversations with perfect strangers just to be able to visit with them and talk to them and express, as it were, mutual feelings on various subjects.

It is difficult for me to speak with respect to him, because I feel his departure most deeply, but I must say that WALTER will live in my memory as long as I am on this earth because to me he was one of my finest and closest friends.

My sympathy and that of Mrs. Byrnes goes to his wife, Elizabeth, his son, Albin, whom we have seen grow from a small boy to a young man, and to WALTER's mother.

We know that words cannot heal the grief that they have, but at least the knowledge that all who knew him loved him and feel a great loss in his passing, I hope may be of some solace to them.

We have lost an able colleague. I have lost a very dear friend.

Remarks by Representative Halleck

Of Indiana

Mr. Speaker, when I first came to the Congress quite some time ago I had already been familiar with the name of Norblad in the great State of Oregon. After WALTER came here I came to know him very, very well, and I considered him to be one of the most able, honest, trustworthy, and conscientious Members of this body. He was my good friend and, as I am sure he understood, I was his friend. He came to this body with a fine background, a man of high educational qualifications who had served his country in World War II with distinction.

So, in his passing, this body has lost one of its truly distinguished Members, and I have lost a great personal friend. I mourn his passing. I wish he could still be with us. We all appreciate that while he died much too young, none of us determines when the inevitable shall come about. This is something all of us must understand. So to his family I extend my heartfelt sympathy in the hope that they will gain consolation from the knowledge that WALTER NORBLAD'S life and career and his accomplishments will stand as a real hallmark of achievement of which those who survive him may well be proud.

Remarks by Representative Whitener

Of North Carolina

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the gentlewoman from Oregon in paying tribute to one of the really great men that we have had the privilege of serving with here in the House of Representatives.

WALTER NORBLAD was a very close friend of mine, and I feel I am the prime beneficiary of that friendship. For several years we were neighbors in the House Office Building, and on several occasions he and I have had occasion to spend several days together in connection with our official duties in places other than Washington.

I concur in the splendid statements that the gentlewoman from Oregon has made about his traits of character. Certainly no man was more trustworthy, more diligent, or more able than was WALTER NORBLAD.

It was always a happy occasion for the people in my office that often in the late afternoons, as WALTER would be leaving his office, he would come by and make some pleasant remark to the people working in the office.

He was in his last illness in the hospital when an accident occurred in my own family. While out in Denver, Colo., I was quite pleasantly surprised to receive a letter handwritten by WALTER from his hospital room expressing concern about one who really was not the subject of as much concern as was he.

To me this gentler side of this great man will be one of the many things that will remain in my mind and memory and will be the cause of a feeling of great appreciation for having had the privilege of being associated with the late gentleman from Oregon, WALTER NORBLAD.

Mrs. Whitener joins me in extending deepest sympathy to the family of our departed friend and colleague.

Remarks by Representative Arends

Of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, I, too, was terribly distressed to learn of the passing of our colleague, WALTER NORBLAD. I was in Illinois when the news came to me, and although I knew he had been ill I had hoped that the good Lord would restore him to good health.

WALT NORBLAD to me was one of the finest gentlemen I ever knew. As members of the Committee on Armed Services we sat side by side over the many, many years he was privileged to serve in this Congress. WALT NORBLAD took an intense interest in his work on the Armed Services Committee. He was devoted to the purpose of having the finest national defense our country could possibly have. He was always diligent in those things which he felt would be in the best interests of his country, his State, and his district.

WALT NORBLAD was one of those fellows I could always say, "I am proud to call him my friend"; lovable, fair, honest, honorable, and objective. As time goes on I am sure he will be appreciated more and more by those he was privileged to represent.

To his fine wife and son I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Bonner

Of North Carolina

Mr. Speaker, I join the gentlewoman from Oregon in mourning the passing of WALT NORBLAD. I had the privilege of knowing him when he served on Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee under the able leadership of the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Tollefson]. At that time we recognized Mr. NORBLAD as being a fine Member of Congress. I have always recalled the pleasant relationship that took place between Mr. Tollefson, Mr. NORBLAD, and myself. I regretted it when he left the committee because I saw him serve faithfully and loyally there. I watched him on the floor of the House and observed him in the duties he was assigned to later. I noticed he was always diligent, thorough and fair. It is my opinion that his friendships existed on both sides of the aisle, as has been demonstrated here this afternoon. I shall miss him greatly, because I considered him an outstanding Member of this body. I regret very much his passing and express my deepest sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative Ford

Of Michigan

Mr. Speaker, with the passing of WALTER NORBLAD, I, like many others in the House of Representatives, lost one of my closest personal friends. He had many, many friends on both sides of the aisle. Everyone who knew him thought WALTER NORBLAD was a wonderful fellow.

I knew WALTER intimately for 16 years. During that period of time his family and our family were very close. We enjoyed a great many family get-togethers over the years. WALTER and his wonderful wife were the godparents of our youngest child, Susan, who adored him. Our families used to get together quite frequently for the holidays, particularly on Christmas Eve. Their fine son, Albin, was always a great favorite with our children. Our whole family lost a real friend with WALTER'S untimely passing.

But aside from the close associations that our families had, during my contacts with WALTER in the House of Representatives, I learned to appreciate what a fine, outstanding job he did in carrying out his responsibilities in representing his constituents in the State of Oregon. He was not a flamboyant type. He was not the kind who made many speeches in the House Chamber. Nevertheless, he did his job and did it most effectively. Because of his long service on the Committee on Armed Services he became an authority on military matters and was highly respected by our military leaders for his fairness, his sound judgment, and devotion to a strong national defense. When the chips were down and when the hard, controversial issues had to be resolved, there was never any failure on his part to stand up and be counted.

I know, we all know, that during the time that he served here, almost 20 years, the people of his congressional district in Oregon were most ably represented by a mighty fine per-

son who took very seriously his responsibilities as their Representative. His constituents, the State of Oregon, and our country have profited from his efforts. WALTER NORBLAD will be greatly missed.

I was shocked to get the news of WALTER's passing. Unfortunately, he had been ill for several months prior to his death. We all hoped—we all prayed—we all thought that he was making a recovery. He has left us but we have countless memories of a wonderful person. He has left an indelible mark on each of us personally and on the House as a whole.

In closing I wish to say from the bottom of my heart that our whole family extends to his wonderful wife, Elizabeth, and to his fine son, Albin, our deepest sympathies and condolences.

Remarks by Representative Duncan

Of Oregon

Mr. Speaker, I learned within hours of the passing of my friend, WALTER NORBLAD, while I was deep in the wild country of the lower Rogue River a week ago Sunday. How the sad word got into that country devoid as it is of telephone or telegraph connections, I do not know. But I do know that every Oregonian who brought me this news was as touched and as saddened as I was by the passing of my friend, WALTER NORBLAD.

There is no one who was any more hospitable and who was any more kind to my family and me when we first came to the Congress 2 years ago than was WALTER and his wife, Elizabeth.

Different political affiliations did not and could not dampen the very genuine friendship and respect which I came to feel for WALTER NORBLAD.

I will miss him and so will his colleagues in the House who knew him as an honest, compassionate, and dedicated public servant incapable of malice or rancor.

Because he had a deep and rugged inner sense of character, because he was unafraid of the truth, because he always kept his word, and because he understood and fulfilled his full responsibilities as a public official and as a man, I am proud to have known WALTER NORBLAD and to have been able to call him my friend. Many there are who feel he would still be with us had he been willing to take the time from his congressional duties to rest and restore his health. But all of us saw him day after day on the floor of the House which claimed so many years of his life and, finally, his life itself.

He, as his father before him, leaves behind a long record of service to his State and to his Nation. His family's loss is shared by all who knew him. My wife and I extend to his wife, to his son, and to his mother our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Hoeven

Of Iowa

Mr. Speaker, WALTER NORBLAD was my good friend. We lived in the same neighborhood in Washington, D.C., for many years, and our only sons were playmates in grade school.

I recall that last July, before I went to San Francisco to attend the Republican Convention, I received a little note from WALTER, who was then in the hospital, expressing the hope that I would look up his son Albin, who was a member of the Oregon delegation—I believe the youngest Republican delegate attending the convention. I did see Albin, and we had a delightful visit.

WALTER NORBLAD loved his boy, his only child. On many occasions, he and I discussed the welfare of his son and my own son. Our two boys ripened our friendship of many years.

Furthermore, WALT NORBLAD'S office was on my floor in the Longworth Building, and we have had rather an intimate acquaintance throughout our joint service in the Congress.

WALT NORBLAD was a good man who was kind and considerate of his fellows. He had a pleasing personality and was well liked by all who knew him. WALT kept in constant touch with his constituents, and I often marveled at the way mail poured out of his office to the folks back home. WALT was a good citizen and a great American who served well his day and generation. Mrs. Hoeven joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to WALTER'S wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Albin.

Remarks by Representative Ullman

Of Oregon

Mr. Speaker, WALTER NORBLAD'S untimely death was a heavy blow to all of us who knew him, who loved and admired him, and who were proud to call him a friend. Our State and our Nation have suffered a great loss.

WALTER NORBLAD had those qualities of personal warmth, sincere good will, and a generous concern for his fellow men that made him loved and revered by all who came in contact with him. He had an unusual capacity for genuine friendship—and went out of his way to make the path of his fellow men a bit easier. From the time I came to Congress, I always found him ready with a helping hand.

Only one other Oregonian served longer in the House than WALTER NORBLAD. WALTER came here in 1946 serving quietly and effectively for 18 years. He sought neither headlines nor controversy, preferring to live at peace with his fellow men, handling his problems on a personal basis.

WALTER NORBLAD never resorted to narrow partisanship. He was respected and admired on both sides of the aisle.

From the time Mrs. Ullman and I first met them, Elizabeth and WALTER NORBLAD have been our good friends. Their genuine warmth of heart, their open candor, and their total lack of affectation were all in the finest traditions of the beautiful western Oregon area that WALTER represented.

To Elizabeth and their son Al, Mrs. Ullman and I offer our heartfelt condolences. Their loss is a heavy one and words have little power to ease their burden. May God bring comfort to their hearts in these difficult hours.

Remarks by Representative Horan

Of Washington

Mr. Speaker, it is my sad privilege today to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to a departed brother who served so long and so well in the House of Representatives. I well remember when WALTER NORBLAD came to Congress in the special election following the death in office of James Wheaton Mott on November 12, 1945. In the past score of years, I had come to know WALTER well and to admire him greatly.

He was like a breath of fresh air out of the West. He was immensely effective in the representation of his district and of his constituency. He had an enormous capacity and gift for making friends.

So, it is not surprising that so many fine things are being said of WALTER today and have been said of him in the days following his death—compliments and tributes like that paid him by Joe McCaffrey, of ABC, on his broadcast last week; reassurances like that of the splendid sermon delivered by the Chaplain of the Senate, Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, at the services held for WALTER in Alexandria, Va.

It was again my sad privilege to join the funeral delegation which attended the service held in the First Presbyterian Church of Astoria, Oreg. There I heard the Reverend L. E. Knoll, pastor of that church, deliver another fine sermon. Dr. Knoll included in his sermon two poems which were favorites of the Norblad family and which were often quoted by them. And, because it is strangely true that the poetry which attracts families is reflective of their mores and morals and explains so much of their conduct, I would like to repeat these poems here:

HE GIVETH MORE

(By Annie Johnson Flint)

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.
When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun,
His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Dr. Knoll concluded his sermon with this poem:

SOMETIME WE'LL UNDERSTAND

(By Maxwell N. Cornelius)

Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land,
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And there, sometime, we'll understand.

Then trust in God thro' all the days;
Fear not, for He doth hold thy hand;
Though dark the way, still sing and praise,
Sometime, sometime, we'll understand.

WALTER has left us, it is true, but in the hearts of all of us who knew him, there remains a warmth that is a living monument to his memory. Mrs. Horan joins me in extending our deepest and most sincere sympathies to his widow, Elizabeth, and to their son, Albin Walter III.

Remarks by Representative Tollefson

Of Washington

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Oregon for the very fine tribute that she has paid to our deceased colleague, WALTER NORBLAD. I think she has expressed most accurately the sentiments of all of us who have known WALTER NORBLAD over the years. He had many friends in the House, and I am proud to have been counted as one of them. I am sure that his people will miss him tremendously. They recognized him as one of the most able Members of the House of Representatives. Through his death they have lost a great spokesman for their cause. The House of Representatives has lost a splendid Member. We will miss him in the years ahead. I counted him as one of my first friends in the House of Representatives. We officed close together, and I have always found him a most helpful, most considerate, and cooperative Member of the House of Representatives. I shall personally miss him. My family and I knew his wife and son very well. Mrs. Tollefson and I desire to extend to his wife and to his son, Albin, and to WALTER'S mother, Mrs. Norblad, our deepest sympathies.

Remarks by Representative Jensen

Of Iowa

Mr. Speaker, I grieve the passing of my esteemed friend, the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD. My heart goes out to Mrs. Norblad and to their fine son and their entire family. May the same God who called WALTER to his heavenly home give his loved ones strength to bear the great loss they have suffered. God rest his soul.

Remarks by Representative Rhodes

Of Arizona

Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to join with my colleagues in expressing our sympathy to Mrs. Norblad and Albin and our sense of loss at the passing of our colleague, WALTER NORBLAD. WALTER NORBLAD was a blithe spirit. Meeting him on the House floor always made the day seem brighter. We who have served with him in the House feel much better because we have known him.

He was an effective and capable Member of this body. He had a great love for his constituents, for his colleagues in the House, and a great regard for the House as an institution.

After WALTER's first illness, he came back to the House to vote. In fact, he spent a lot of time here. One day I said to him, "WALTER, why do you not adjourn? I do not know when the House is going to adjourn, but why do you not adjourn?" And he said, "I have thought of it, but I am sure that I would worry if I were away. I think I am better off here. This is where I like to be." And this is where he was right up to the time of his final illness.

The devotion to duty which he exemplified, the fine work which he did as a member of the very important Committee on Armed Services, the duties which he performed not only as a Member of the House but as a Representative of his people in the Nation's Capital, all have endeared him to the people of the Nation, to the people of his State, the people of his district, and his colleagues in the House. The people of the country have lost in the passing of WALTER NORBLAD, a great legislator, a great friend, a fine American, and an articulate exponent of our way of life.

Mrs. Rhodes joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Elizabeth and Albin and to the constituents of WALTER NORBLAD in Oregon, because I know they are grieving for his passing as deeply as are any of his other friends.

May God rest his soul.

Remarks by Representative Battin

Of Montana

Mr. Speaker, today is a sad one for me. Today we pay our respect to a departed friend. WALTER NORBLAD was one of the first Members of Congress that I had the opportunity to meet when I arrived here in Washington. He was quick to extend a welcome hand and continued to do so the rest of his life.

Many of those who knew him and had the pleasure to call him friend will find a great void in their lives. I was a neighbor of WALTER's and my children used to run in and out of his home. When we told them WALTER had passed away their comment was, "I am sure he has gone to heaven." This I am sure is correct.

We cannot say enough, but from my personal point of view, my life is far richer from having known him.

To his wife and family my wife and I extend our sincere sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Ayres

Of Ohio

Mr. Speaker, we do not know what the hereafter holds. However, I must say to the gentlewoman from Oregon that if in that "great beyond" it is possible to still observe the activities on earth, our departed colleague, WALTER NORBLAD, would be more than pleased with the tribute the gentlewoman paid him in her opening remarks. I think perhaps she summed up what all of us think. We all recall at such a time when we lose a colleague, that passage, "By their deeds ye shall know them."

Mr. Speaker, one of the finest things that I have heard about WALTER was the comment that was made by those wives who knew WALTER and his charming wife Elizabeth so well.

Mr. Speaker, I recall that shortly after we met WALTER my own wife said, "Isn't he always so nice to Elizabeth," a great quality in every man.

Also, having observed WALTER'S association with his son Albin over 14 years it became very apparent the great inspiration the father was to the son. I remember out at a little cottage on Scientists' Cliffs when Albin was just a lad, he had purchased, probably with the help of his father, his first .22 rifle. He came out into the woods to try it out. I shall never forget WALTER saying to him, "Albin, that is not the way to do it. You will hurt yourself." He was just as gentle as he could be, without a word of criticism. He showed his son the art of handling that weapon.

As the years went by he became an inspiration to WALTER, and as was mentioned earlier, WALTER made certain that those of us who were going to be attending the Republican Convention in San Francisco carried his personal message down to Albin. He said to me, "When you see the boy, tell him the

old man is all right." He knew his condition was of concern and worry to Albin.

Then, Mr. Speaker, right up to the very last WALTER was worried about his obligations—what he thought was an obligation to his colleagues. Many of you know we have an organization here in the Congress which was organized before I came here, among the Republican Members, that meets once a week to discuss legislation and various political situations throughout the country. It is called the Chowder and Marching Society. WALTER seemed to have a premonition that something was going to happen to him before our next meeting on Friday before he died. His staff people called me in Akron, Ohio, and asked if I could take the meeting, that WALTER did not believe he would be up to it, it being his turn. I came back to Washington. We did not meet. Instead, we attended the funeral here the day before.

But, Mr. Speaker, up until the very last WALTER was concerned about what he felt was his obligation. Of course, all of us, knowing his condition, realized that WALTER had no obligation, but not WALTER. Then, too, when one is recognized by those who know him best, those are the comments that really count.

Mr. Speaker, WALTER was very close to the editor of our Capitol Hill newspaper, Roll Call. I believe the tribute that Mr. Yudain paid to WALTER in his editorial, commenting on WALTER'S death, is most appropriate because here is a publication read by his colleagues and written by a man who had known WALTER for a number of years:

WALTER NORBLAD

A man involved in national politics for 18 years is bound to incur the emnity of some of those who share his path. Yet, it seems that WALTER NORBLAD was a friend of everyone who was privileged to know him. His passing over the weekend brought sadness to the Hill community—from messenger boys to congressional leadership.

WALTER NORBLAD was a Republican, but his personality was such that most of his friends and acquaintances regarded him as a fine fellow first, a partisan second. His many acts of kindness to staffers and his colleagues will long be remembered. His geniality

and his intense interest in congressional life and the game of politics endeared him to all on the Hill.

It will be a long time before another WALTER NORBLAD comes along.

Remarks by Representative Rogers

Of Colorado

Mr. Speaker, we were all saddened to learn of the sudden death of our beloved colleague from Oregon, WALTER NORBLAD. He was honored and respected by all who knew him. He was friendly and understanding. You never had to worry about WALTER because he was always willing to cooperate.

We who had the privilege of knowing him through the many years he was a Member of this Congress knew that his heart was in the right place. It was my privilege to become well acquainted with him, as well as with many other people in Oregon who subsequently came to my district. The respect and honor we pay to him today is a small tribute to the sacrifice he has made for his country.

I extend my sympathy to his wife and son.

Remarks by Representative Miller

Of California

Mr. Speaker, WALTER NORBLAD and I came to the Congress in the same year. It was my privilege to serve on the Committee on Armed Services with WALTER, and to serve with him on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. We traveled extensively together. I do not know where you get to know a man better than through travel with him in foreign lands. Although we did not see eye to eye on political matters, I had a warm feeling for him. You never found him partisan; you never found him mean. He was a congenial, likable fellow.

I know that we all miss him here, and I want to join other Members in extending to his good wife and family my sincerest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Harding

Of Idaho

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for this opportunity to join the gentlewoman from Oregon in paying tribute to our late colleague, WALTER NORBLAD. I know that I, as a freshman Democratic Member of this body, was truly amazed at the friendliness, helpfulness, and cooperative attitude the gentleman from Oregon displayed toward me. He was one of the first Members of the House to introduce himself and to make me feel at home in the House of Representatives.

I can say that on this side of the aisle I have never heard an unkind word said about WALTER NORBLAD. He was an outstanding statesman, a great American in every way in addition to being a devoted family man and friend. WALTER NORBLAD truly followed the teaching of Christ, "do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

I am sure we all were shocked to learn of his sudden passing, and I join the gentlewoman from Oregon and my many colleagues offering my condolences and sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Remarks by Representative McCormack

Of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, to the list of other dear friends who have been lost to us during the 88th Congress must now be added that of the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, of the 1st District of Oregon. He served long and ably in the House of Representatives which he loved. Elected to the Congress in a special election in 1946, he soon became a valued friend and colleague.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee his labors were unceasing to protect the taxpayers of America from unjustified expenditures while preserving our military and naval strength at peak efficiency. His quick intelligence, his legal acumen, his patriotism, his great good will—all will be greatly missed. He served his district, the House of Representatives, and his country with great ability and devotion. The citizens of the 1st District of Oregon have lost a distinguished representative and the Members of the House of Representatives have lost a friend.

May I extend to his grieving wife and son my deepest sympathy. His career as a Member of this House was a credit to them and to those he represented here.

Remarks by Representative Robison

Of New York

Mr. Speaker, with heavy heart I join with those others of my colleagues who have noted the passing of our friend and colleague, WALTER NORBLAD, of Oregon.

In the past several months, all of us have been aware of the physical problem faced by our friend but, while I am sure he was equally aware of the severity of his condition, he did not dwell on it to us, nor allow it—insofar as he was able—to interfere with his fulfillment of those congressional responsibilities which he has carried out so well, here, since early in January of 1946. Throughout these past few weeks, WALTER NORBLAD—in the finest tradition of public service—was a "good soldier" just as he, in fact, was earlier in his career when he served with distinction in the 8th Air Force during World War II.

WALT was not, perhaps, one to give his friendship lightly. It was almost as if he wished to think about you, and watch you a bit, before he did so. But once he tendered you the greatest gift one can give another, he did so without reservation—without qualification. I am grateful to have been his friend.

In thinking of WALT—and in seeking better in my own mind to assess the loss we all feel so deeply—I am reminded of these lines written by Sir William Osler, the noted Canadian physician who died in 1919:

> I have three personal ideals. One, to do the day's work well and not to bother about tomorrow. The second ideal has been to act the Golden Rule, as far as in me lay, toward my professional brethren and toward [those] committed to my care. And the third has been to cultivate such a measure of equanimity as would enable me to bear success with humility, the affection of my friends without pride, and to be ready when the day of sorrow and grief came to meet it with the courage befitting a man.

WALTER NORBLAD measured fully up to those ideals and, as a result, his contributions as a respected and beloved Member of this House cannot be assessed solely on the basis of service to his State and Nation, but in terms of what we, who now continue on, have learned from him, as well.

Mrs. Robison joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy and regrets to his wife, Elizabeth, and to their son, Albin Walter Norblad III.

Remarks by Representative Broyhill

Of Virginia

Mr. Speaker, our colleague, WALTER NORBLAD, was one of my closest and dearest friends in the House of Representatives. He was one of the first Members with whom I became acquainted in 1953 when I first entered the Congress and throughout the years our friendship grew. There were many occasions when his help and assistance to me was invaluable. He was always generous with his time and efforts in behalf of a colleague.

We all knew him to be an honest, courageous, and sincere Member of this body who was dedicated to the service of his beloved country. He gave great ingenuity, ability, and a devotion to duty unexcelled.

The Congress of the United States and his congressional district in Oregon will suffer as a result of the passing away of WALTER NORBLAD.

I join with my colleagues in expressing our grief and sympathy to his beloved family in this hour.

Remarks by Representative Flynt

Of Georgia

Mr. Speaker, we join today to pay tribute to the memory of our colleague, the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, late a Representative from Oregon. We are privileged for having made the acquaintance of his congenial personality and having shared in his conscientious efforts as a fellow Member of the House of Representatives.

WALTER NORBLAD served long and well as Oregon's Representative from the 1st District in the 79th Congress and in all of the succeeding ones thereafter.

His career as a Congressman was marked by the loyal dedication he accorded his position as the second ranking minority member of the Armed Services Committee. He devoted ceaseless time and energy to the cause of our national defense. The waste of public funds anywhere and their utilization for a better America was of continuing concern to him.

Mrs. Flynt joins me in extending our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Norblad and to the members of his family.

Remarks by Representative Langen

Of Minnesota

Mr. Speaker, we gather today in the lengthening shadows of this session of Congress to honor a man who answered his last call of the House and had now adjourned to that place where the law and order of nature reign supreme.

WALTER NORBLAD was a man among men. He stood tall in the Chambers, with his height measured in dedication, performance, understanding, and wisdom. His was a life of accomplishment that ended all too soon.

WALTER NORBLAD'S memory will be with us for a long, long time. His example will remain for all of us to follow. While we will never again see him on this earth, his presence will be felt.

WALTER'S work on the Armed Services Committee will long be remembered for its high quality and tireless effort. He ranked as No. 2 minority member on that committee, working his way up the ladder through 18 years of service. It was an assignment for which WALTER was particularly fitted. He not only had the probing mind of a successful attorney, but had the understanding necessary to deal with the problems facing our Armed Forces. His own military career was distinguished. He served in World War II as a combat intelligence officer with the 8th Air Force and was awarded the Air Medal for combat flights.

WALTER NORBLAD'S critical eye has saved the taxpayers of this Nation untold millions of dollars. His unique qualifications and talents enabled him to work for a strong America through wiser use of defense appropriations. He was critical of any and every segment of our Government that spent money on unnecessary frills and luxuries. He believed that the affairs of this Nation constituted a deadly serious business that should be conducted in the best interests of the

people who paid the bills. We who remain might well follow his example.

The stories of WALTER NORBLAD'S fearless encounters with high-ranking military men and bureaucrats are legion. He never criticized unduly, but expected top performance from the men who had been entrusted with our Nation's future.

The Nation knew what to expect from WALTER NORBLAD the very first year he served in the Congress, back in 1946. He startled all when he arrived at the House restaurant and dined on canned pork, dehydrated cranberries, and lemonade made from canned lemon juice powder. All of the ingredients had been rescued from a Navy garbage dump, and that famous dinner was to prove WALTER'S point that the Navy was discarding good food.

He criticized such things as too many high-ranking brass in relation to the number of men under them, of fashion coordinators being hired by the Air Force, using marines in Hollywood motion-picture films, and a host of other situations where taxpayers' dollars were being misused. But during all of this, he proved to be the servicemen's best friend, showing a genuine concern for the living conditions and future of our men and women in uniform.

In 1955 WALTER NORBLAD again startled the Nation by recommending that a post office be closed in his congressional district. Why? Because it was not needed. This was courage that is seldom seen in these Halls.

The conscience of the armed services and of this Congress has left our midst. But his record of accomplishment and his concern for America's future will live on.

I was one of WALTER NORBLAD'S friends. To be his friend was an honor, a privilege, a rare experience that left you stronger for it. A bit of WALTER will live on through all of the people he has known, because you cannot have known him without absorbing at least a portion of his wisdom and philosophy.

His family will grieve him, and it is hoped that time will work its inexorable magic in easing the pain of parting. Per-

haps the only words that seem appropriate for us and his family are that a rich life, fully lived, is in itself the only lasting monument to a man. WALTER NORBLAD was such a man.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, Representative WALTER NORBLAD was a highly respected gentleman whose analytical legal mind contributed much to the passage of worthwhile legislation in the public interest.

His decisions were based on realistic factual data and were unassailable. He was a friendly person who was interested in the problems of his State and the Nation.

He came to the Congress well prepared for his legislative duties having served from 1935 to 1939 in the legislature of his State.

His retiring nature belied his mental brillancy. He was a rugged individualist who knew a man in his study of the human personality. His dedicated services to the Congress for nearly 20 years made him a proud Member. He enjoyed the confidence and trust of his constituents and his colleagues. He was a fair foe and a good friend.

His courage under fire was reflected in the honor conferred upon him by our Government—Air Medal—in World War II for services beyond the call of duty as a member of the 8th Air Force for combat flights, 1942–45.

The members of the Illinois congressional delegation extend to his dear wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Albin Walter, our deep sympathy and heartfelt condolences.

The State of Oregon has lost one of its most celebrated sons and the Nation a valiant patriot and distinguished lawmaker.

Remarks by Representative Slack

Of West Virginia

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in expressing deep sorrow over the untimely death of a good friend and associate, WALTER NORBLAD. He was an able legislator and dedicated public servant in the highest tradition of this body, and was never reluctant to draw on his fund of experience to help a younger Member define the right approach to a difficult problem.

A man of high principle, strong personal integrity, and extreme dedication to the work of the Congress, his fine personal qualities and rare capacity for clear-sighted leadership will be severely missed in the coming years.

We cannot hope to convey to his family the measure of sorrow we feel, but we can hope that they will gain some comfort from the knowledge that he will not be soon forgotten. I extend to them my most sincere condolences.

Remarks by Representative Riehlman

Of New York

Mr. Speaker, it was a real privilege for me to know and have the friendship of our departed colleague, WALTER NORBLAD.

I traveled with him on several occasions on official business, and I found him to be a most congenial man—a pleasant companion.

Only a few weeks ago he told me that he was going to stand for one more term in Congress and then retire. He planned to do so, knowing full well that his health was failing.

But that is the kind of man WATER NORBLAD was. He had high ideals and gave the most of himself for the preservation of his country and the goals he sought for it.

He had a thorough knowledge of the Armed Forces of the United States and served with considerable distinction on the Armed Services Committee.

Many times I sought his advice on military matters and always found his counsel extremely helpful.

WALTER NORBLAD was a great friend of military servicemen. He always had their welfare close to his heart and fought many legislative battles on their behalf.

We will miss WALTER NORBLAD. The State of Oregon and our country has lost a faithful servant.

To his family I offer my deepest sympathy. Although he has departed, his service to his country and his people will not be forgotten.

Remarks by Representative Minshall

Of Ohio

Mr. Speaker, the loss of WALTER NORBLAD is an unexpected tragedy, the more grievous because we have been deprived of a vigorous and capable colleague in the very prime of his life and patriotic service.

His death came toward the end of this long and brutally strenuous 88th Congress, and he might well be counted a victim of the heartbreaking demands these last two sessions have made on Members of the House. He was a man who did not spare himself in his dedicated work for his constituents and his Nation. Almost all of his life was given to public service, from the day he became a member of the Oregon Legislature nearly 30 years ago, through his heroic combat service with the 8th Air Force in World War II, up to the moment of his untimely death September 20.

We shall miss his keen and effective work in this Chamber; we shall miss his pleasant camaraderie. The State of Oregon and the Nation are deprived of the many additional years of his devotion we all assumed would be his.

My heartfelt condolences are extended to Mrs. Norblad and their son.

Remarks by Representative Jonas

Of North Carolina

Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay my personal tribute to the memory of my departed friend, WALTER NORBLAD. I could scarcely believe my ears when, upon returning from a brief visit to North Carolina a week ago, I learned of his sudden passing. I, of course, knew that he had not been well but believed that he was recovering, as he himself told me on several recent occasions, and I had looked forward to the day when he would be fully restored to health and be his old self again. So the news of his tragic and sudden death was a shock from which I have not fully recovered.

One of the satisfactions of serving in Congress, in intimate association with other Members, is the opportunity it gives us to form close and lasting friendships. I had no better friend in this House than WALTER and this friendship, which began shortly after I first took my seat here in January of 1953, ripened as the years passed and became so close that I feel his loss as if he were a member of my own family.

And aside from my own personal sense of loss, I am thinking today of the loss that has been suffered by the people he so ably represented in Congress, and of the loss sustained by the State of Oregon and the Nation. It is a tragedy that one so able and distinguished in his service to district, State, and Nation should be stricken down at the height of his career and when he had so much to offer his people. It will not be easy to find one who can fill his shoes.

I am thinking also of the sadness that has come to his beloved wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Albin. As great as his loss is to us, it cannot begin to compare with the loss to them of a devoted husband and father. My heart goes out to them in sorrowful sympathy and with the prayer that God in His

infinite mercy will help them bear up under their grief, and that a deep faith will help sustain them in this period of sorrow.

I join WALTER'S many friends in mourning his passing.

Remarks by Representative Cohelan

Of California

Mr. Speaker, the tragic and untimely passing of the distinguished gentleman from the First District of Oregon has been deeply and personally felt by all those who had the opportunity of knowing him.

For the last 6 years I have had the good fortune of serving with him on the great House Committee on Armed Services. I particularly got to know him on several special investigating assignments.

WALTER NORBLAD was a distinguished lawyer, a great airman, and a devoted servant of his Oregon district. By some of us he will be especially remembered for his rare and delightful sense of humor. I shall miss him as will all his colleagues on the committee.

This country has lost a fine and conscientious legislator and we a good and able friend.

Mrs. Cohelan joins with me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife and son.

Remarks by Representative Zablocki

Of Wisconsin

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, our esteemed colleague so recently departed.

He was indeed a most distinguished Member of this body, an outstanding American, and a good friend. It was a privilege to serve with him these many years in the House of Representatives. He was a man who served his district, his home State of Oregon, and our Nation with ability and distinction.

He will be remembered for his interest in the armed services and his efforts toward the welfare of servicemen. He will be remembered by his colleagues for his jovial, cheerful, and friendly attitude. He always had a kind word and warm greeting for all. He was considerate of and sympathetic to the problems of his fellow man.

My wife joins me in expressing deep sympathy to his wife and his son. May they derive some consolation from the thought that we all share in their deep grief.

Remarks by Representative Bates

Of Massachusetts

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my other colleagues in paying tribute to our departed colleague, the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, of the State of Oregon.

During the 15 years I have served in the Congress I worked intimately with him on the House Armed Services Committee, where we sat side by side. I have traveled with him on armed services inspections in many of the farflung areas of the world where our servicemen are stationed and, in some cases, fighting. He was a quiet man who spoke only infrequently but when he did so his thoughts were the reflection of a broad experience and a penetrating mind. He was a pleasant individual, and I never heard him speak unkindly of any man. He was respected by those who served with him in the Congress, and we shall miss his guidance as well as his congenial personality which made association with him a pleasing experience.

I wish there was something I could say to lessen the grief which has befallen his family. Perhaps they can take some comfort in the knowledge that while he lived he performed an outstanding service for the country which he loved and the deep affection in which he held his family is something of which they must be very, very proud.

Remarks by Representative Fascell

Of Florida

Mr. Speaker, the facts of any man's life may be recounted in a very brief space, but the grief which his passing leaves in the hearts of those who knew and admired him cannot really be expressed at all.

I had the great pleasure of knowing the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, of the First District of Oregon, as a colleague whose integrity, warmth, humor, good will, and ability were outstanding among men noted for the possession of these qualities. Moreover, he was my neighbor in the halls of the House Office Building, where we occupied adjoining offices. I find it difficult to come to terms with the realization that I shall now never be able to greet him as he walks along the corridor to his office, see his friendly smile, or hear again his cheerful hello.

He was the son of a former Governor of the State of Oregon and served in the Oregon Legislature from 1935 to 1939. He was born in Escanaba, Mich., and was reared in Astoria. He attended the New Mexico Military Institute, the University of Oregon, and the University of Oregon Law School. He pursued graduate legal studies at the Harvard Law School and was admitted to the Oregon bar in 1932.

During the war he served as a combat intelligence officer in the 8th Air Force, and was awarded the Air Medal. Returning to civilian life, he was elected to the 79th Congress in a special election in January of 1946, and was reelected to each succeeding Congress.

He strived unceasingly as a member of the Armed Services Committee to assure the taxpayers of America strong and efficient military and naval forces. His constant concern for the well-being of his devoted constituents was always apparent. His high reputation among his fellow Members of the

House of Representatives testified to his high competence as a legislator and his character as a man and a friend.

WALTER NORBLAD will be sorely missed in the Halls of Congress by his colleagues, his constituents, and his loyal and faithful office staff. Sharing their grief, I extend my deepest sympathy to his loved ones, his wife, his son, his sister, and his mother.

Remarks by Representative Dague

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. Speaker, once again this House stands bereft of one of its most distinguished Members, and once more we stand with bowed heads as a good friend and colleague is called to his eternal rest.

In WALTER NORBLAD we had a dedicated legislator who devoted most of his congressional career to a search for methods whereby the public interest could be conserved and the wasting of public substance brought to a stop. Our departed colleague's chosen field was the military, and he kept a constant vigil to make sure that defense administrators did not become derelict in the discharge of their accepted responsibilities.

WALTER NORBLAD was a genial man, and his unfailing good nature came to the surface in a ready smile and the kindly word. Gifted in repartee, he usually had a witty comeback to anyone who seemed inclined to question his sincerity in the pursuit of better living conditions for servicemen and a more effective utilization of the defense dollar. We shall miss this good friend, and, assuredly, the House will be the poorer because of his passing.

Mrs. Dague joins me in extending our heartfelt condolences to the members of his family as they contemplate this irreparable loss. May an all-compassionate Father encircle them with His arms and ease for them the heartache of this sad hour.

Remarks by Representative Kilburn

Of New York

Mr. Speaker, Representative WALTER NORBLAD was a good friend of mine, and his wife was a good friend of my wife. We were terribly distressed to hear the sad news about WALTER. He was not only an alert, able, and distinguished Member of Congress with a great record, but on top of that he had a most engaging personality. Just being in his company was a lot of fun. We shall miss him and extend to his family our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Pelly

Of Washington

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and service of our departed colleague, WALTER NORBLAD.

It would be superfluous to say here that I express my sorrow, because every Member knows of the fondness and friendship in which WALT was held by his fellow Members. We all mourn his passing, in particular because WALT always had a kind word for each of us, and I do not know any Member of the House who had more friends or a warmer personality.

As to the public service of WALTER NORBLAD, I can speak personally as to his interest in fisheries. He constantly asked me, because of my membership on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, about pending fishery bills and matters of that nature. But, of course, his great contribution was as a member of the Committee on Armed Services. Here, again, he kept me and others I know of posted on developments which he thought were important to us and our districts.

Mr. Speaker, I think that especially WALT NORBLAD'S important public service is recognized in his efforts to eliminate waste and unnecessary spending of the taxpayers' money. But, actually, his talents were not limited to any one field; he was—as those of us who served with him know—a well-rounded, able and conscientious Representative. He was close to his constituents and served them well.

Of even greater importance, however, he was a U.S. Representative whose first consideration always was the welfare of the entire country.

Certainly, Mr. Speaker, it has been a privilege to associate with WALT, day in and day out, now, for the first six terms I have been here. I am going to miss him, but I will always remember him with respect and affection.

Meanwhile, my wife and I extend to his beloved wife and son our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Bray

Of Indiana

Mr. Speaker, the passing of WALTER NORBLAD is a cause of great sadness among us. He truly was one of the best liked and most respected Members of this body.

Having served 12 years with him on the Armed Services Committee, I had come to know him quite well. I know that his judgment in the military affairs of this Nation was of considerable influence on the committee. Through his years of experience with our armed services, he had developed a skeptical view when skepticism was justified; but he also had an experienced understanding which helped the committee to act intelligently and with dispatch on many occasions.

It also became obvious that WALTER'S strong sense of humor made him many friends in the House, and his ability to see things with some perspective was another much-respected characteristic.

Knowing of his previous attacks, many of us wondered what kept him plugging along, working diligently and seeking reelection. I am convinced it was a strong sense of duty and of dedication to this country and to this body.

To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy, and we share greatly in their sense of loss.

Remarks by Representative Stratton

Of New York

Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked and saddened the other day to learn of the sudden passing of my good friend, the gentleman from Oregon, WALTER NORBLAD. In the 6 years I have had the honor to serve in this body I had come to know WALT well and to admire and respect him. He was one of the ranking members of his party on the Committee on Armed Services. His service there was always marked by good humor, diligence, and a deep concern for the security and strength of our country.

Those of us who knew WALTER NORBLAD well and had the privilege to serve with him know the loss that his sudden passing has meant to this House and to the people of Oregon. To those whom he served so well and to his wife and family I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Cederberg

Of Michigan

Mr. Speaker, the passing of WALTER NORBLAD was a tragic loss to his district and our Nation. WALTER will always be remembered as a dedicated man concerned for the individual needs of the constituents he represented so well. We became fast and true friends over the years visiting in each other's homes. It was always a pleasure to be with WALTER and enjoy his good company and clean humor. Words cannot adequately express the loss Mrs. Cederberg and I feel at losing this close and valued friend. We express our deepest sympathy to WALTER'S wonderful wife, Elizabeth, and their son, Albin, and know that they have consolation in the contribution WALTER made to his country.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of New York

Mr. Speaker, it was a great shock when I learned of the untimely passing of our colleague, the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, of Oregon. WALTER was a conscientious and able legislator, and ever since he was elected to the House of Representatives by special election in 1946, he was dedicated to fulfilling the duties of his office with loyalty and distinction. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, WALTER was critical of unnecessary expenditures but the welfare of our men and women in uniform was always his first concern.

Because of WALTER NORBLAD'S personable ways, there was no partisanship in the respect and affection which the Members on both sides of the aisle felt for him. He was my friend and I shall greatly miss him.

To his wife, his son, and his mother I extend my deepest sympathy in their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Derwinski

Of Illinois

Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to learn of the passing of my good friend, the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, of Oregon. WALTER was one of the strong, stabilizing Members of the House, and his experience, thorough knowledge of his committee assignment, and sound judgment were respected by all.

He was a student of government and always thought in terms of what was best for all the people. He worked hard, was always on the job, and never considered his own personal welfare. We are especially saddened when we reflect on the fact that while suffering a series of physical setbacks this year, WALTER NORBLAD conscientiously pursued his duties as Representative, feeling at all times his first obligation was to his constituents in Oregon. His firm belief in the fundamental virtues of our Nation was reflected in the dedicated representation he gave to the people of his district for 19 years.

However, WALTER NORBLAD was also a true friend and will be missed by the Members who knew him as well. He was always calm, helpful, and thoughtful in his dealings with other Members and left an indelible impression on all who knew him.

I join my colleagues in paying tribute to this great Member of Congress, and Mrs. Derwinski joins me in extending to his wife and son our deep sorrow at their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Hosmer

Of California

Mr. Speaker, I am taking this occasion to express my sadness over the passing of our beloved colleague, WALT NORBLAD. In my 12 years in the House, I have valued his friendship and wise counsel very highly. I am going to miss WALT greatly but shall always treasure the memory of his warm personality with affection.

WALT NORBLAD was a dedicated public servant, able and conscientious in the performance of his duties to his constituents, the people of Oregon, and his country. He probably will be remembered best for his hard and effective work on the Armed Services Committee, where he labored with great zeal in the interests of a strong and secure United States. His views on defense matters always commanded the respect of his colleagues, both on the committee and in this House as a whole, because he was considered one of the best informed Members on matters affecting the military security of our country in the cold war.

Because of WALT's kindness, his gentility, his fairness, and his trustworthiness, I am sure we may all agree that he enjoyed the friendship and respect of as many of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle as does any Member of this body. Everyone who ever knew him will remember him as a fine and honorable man.

Mrs. Hosmer and I extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Elizabeth, and their son, Albin.

Remarks by Representative Auchincloss

Of New Jersey

Mr. Speaker, I am very much distressed to learn of the sudden death of WALTER NORBLAD, whose friendship I cherished and whose example of devoted service to his country I admired.

He was a man of the highest ideals, and his courage in living up to them and expressing his feelings without fear was a great inspiration. He served his country well in times of war and in times of peace, and his passing leaves a great void in the hearts of his many friends.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his widow and son, and I hope that the memory of his example of a good life will sustain and comfort them.

Remarks by Representative Fisher

Of Texas

Mr. Speaker, the late WALTER NORBLAD was one of the most honorable men I have ever known. He was a dedicated public servant who never faltered in his devotion to duty. Throughout his service here in this body he was my personal friend. I respected him very much. During his long period of service he made an enviable record in behalf of the people he represented, and in behalf of the national interest. I extend to his wife and family my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Fulton

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. Speaker, we people in Congress have friends, and it is always so hard to lose a personal friend that we have enjoyed, admired, and respected.

WALTER NORBLAD, "WALT" to so many of us, certainly was in my group of "good friends." Regretfully, both his family and good friends must note his untimely passing.

I did enjoy WALT NORBLAD'S good humor, ready wit, and constant activity, and recall with pleasure and friendship our hours, talks, and trips together.

As a member of the House Armed Service Committee, he gave good service, and was interested in economy and efficiency of the branches of the U.S. armed services, and particularly in the welfare and security of the men and women who serve our good country.

Remarks by Representative Dorn

Of South Carolina

Mr. Speaker, during my entire service here in the House, it has been my pleasure to know and serve with WALTER NORBLAD. I have never known a more dedicated, faithful, and conscientious Member of the House. He loved this House as a great institution, directly responsible to and close to the people. He gave the best years of his life to his country in war and to preserve the peace and promote the strength of this Nation through his service in Congress. He early recognized the importance of the western Pacific to the security of the United States and the free world. WALTER NORBLAD supported a strong national defense and a forthright stand against aggression as the only means to contain the Communist menace.

We have lost a great Member, and the American people have lost a devoted, patriotic, public servant. The Congress has been fortunate to have known and associated with WALTER NORBLAD.

Mrs. Dorn joins me in my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Norblad and his outstanding son.

Remarks by Representative Hansen

Of Washington

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that we record the passing of our very good friend, WALTER NORBLAD.

We all will miss him greatly. I should like to extend special tribute to his friendliness, particularly as he demonstrated it to me when I first came here. He was ready with kind counsel, if requested. He had a true objectivity whenever we discussed problems of the Pacific Northwest.

I am familiar with his effectiveness on committee assignments and his application to constituency needs. He did a commendable job and his outstanding ability was recognized by all who knew him. And most of this work was accomplished at great physical sacrifice in recent months as he was not in the best of health. He was an exemplary citizen and national legislator.

WALTER NORBLAD served with distinction for 18 years in the House of Representatives. I am confident that his widow and his family will derive true consolation in the memory of him, and from the knowledge that their sorrow is shared by a legion of his friends.

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MONDAY, *September 21, 1964.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bartlett, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. WALTER NORBLAD, late a Representative from the State of Oregon, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 885

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WALTER NORBLAD, a Representative from the State of Oregon.

Resolved, That a committee of eleven Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,
Clerk.
By JOHN A. ROBERTS.

Mr. MORSE (for himself and Mrs. Neuberger) submitted a resolution (S. Res. 370) relative to the death of Representative WALTER NORBLAD, of Oregon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WALTER NORBLAD, late a Representative from the State of Oregon.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the resolution is unanimously agreed to. The Chair appoints the senior Senator from Oregon [Mr. Morse] and the junior Senator from Oregon [Mrs. Neuberger] as a committee of the Senate to attend the funeral of Representative NORBLAD.

Mr. PROXMIRE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the late Representative WALTER NORBLAD, of Oregon, I move that the Senate adjourn until noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 22, 1964, at 12 o'clock meridian.

Remarks by Senator Morse

Of Oregon

Mr. President, early this morning Mrs. Morse and I heard for the first time the sad news of the death of Representative WALTER NORBLAD, of Oregon. He died yesterday morning at Bethesda Naval Hospital. We were away from all communications yesterday and did not return to Washington until very late last night.

The news this morning of WALTER NORBLAD's death came as a great shock to both of us. As I said this morning in a note to his wife, Elizabeth, I had no idea that WALTER's previous illness of a few weeks ago carried with it such serious implications. In fact, just before he left the hospital a short time ago, I talked to him. He seemed to be in the best of spirits and told me that he was sure he would be in good condition to make his campaign for reelection this fall.

WALTER NORBLAD has been a good friend of ours since I started teaching law at the University of Oregon in 1929. He graduated under me in 1932. After graduation, he expressed an interest in doing a year's graduate work at Harvard Law School, and I was pleased to recommend him to the dean of the Harvard Law School for a special scholarship which would enable him to take the special graduate courses at Harvard for a year in which he was particularly interested.

His father, A. W. Norblad, had been Governor of Oregon and unquestionably exercised a great influence on his son. I am sure that it was through his father, WALTER developed a keen interest in politics. Even while he was a student at the University of Oregon School of Law, he demonstrated a great interest in government and political affairs.

From 1935 to 1939 he was a member of the House of Representatives of the Oregon State Legislature, where he became recognized as one of the most able of the young politicians of Oregon.

During World War II he was a combat intelligence officer with the 8th Air Force and served with such distinction and valor that he was awarded the Air Medal.

In a special election in January 1946 he was elected to the 79th Congress and continued to represent the 1st Congressional District of Oregon from that time until his death.

Although WALTER NORBLAD and I were not close politically, we always were good personal friends. He was a very sincere conservative in the Republican Party in Oregon, but his differences with my liberal political philosophy never prevented him as a personal friend on a goodly number of occasions from defending me against what he considered to be unfair personal attacks on the part of some individual critic or newspaper. He never allowed partisan politics to interfere with a friendship or mar his sense of fairness.

Mrs. Morse and I have lost not only a good friend, but the Republican Party of Oregon and the State of Oregon have lost a dedicated public servant.

Mrs. Morse joins me in expressing to his wife, Elizabeth, and their son, Walter, and the Congressman's mother, Mrs. A. W. Norblad, Sr., and his sister, Mrs. Eleanor Sorrells, our deepest sympathy. We pray that they will be comforted and strengthened in these sad hours of loss and bereavement.

Remarks by Senator Jordan

Of Idaho

Mr. President, the passing of WALTER NORBLAD, Representative from the State of Oregon, is a great loss to the State of Oregon and to the Nation. I have known WALTER NORBLAD for many years. I am a former resident of the State of Oregon. I knew WALTER'S father before him. I knew WALTER as he attended the University of Oregon, as he rose in politics in the Legislature of Oregon, and, finally, in the Congress of the United States.

I join my colleague, the distinguished Senator from Oregon, in expressing our deep sympathy to his wife, Elizabeth, to his son, and to the members of his family, and the many friends he had throughout the State. Mrs. Jordan joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy and condolences in this tragic hour.

Remarks by Senator Mansfield

Of Montana

Mr. President, I wish to join the senior Senator from Oregon and the Senator from Idaho in sending condolences to Mrs. Norblad and her family upon the passing of her late beloved husband, WALTER NORBLAD, a Representative from Oregon. I had the pleasure of serving with WALTER NORBLAD in the House for a number of years. He was a highly thought of and well-respected Representative of the people. It was with deep sorrow that I heard on the radio yesterday morning that this outstanding legislator had died of a heart attack at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

On behalf of Mrs. Mansfield and myself, I extend our condolences to his family.

Remarks by Senator Magnuson

Of Washington

Mr. President, let me add my sympathy to the family of Representative NORBLAD. I have known him for many years. He was one of the fine Representatives of our area, one who was responsible, among others, for the signing of the treaty which we commemorated in that area.

His passing leaves us sad. The country has suffered a great loss. The northwest area of the country in particular has suffered a great loss.

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